

NORTH DAKOTA
STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
POSTSECONDARY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Who Needs to be Certified

- All full-time postsecondary CTE instructors teaching in a CTE discipline, includes programs that are Perkins (federal) funded or eligible (Pell Grants).
- Any instructor who teaches less than full time shall be certified if he/she is responsible for curriculum development in the content area and/or designing assessment of student performance.

Level of Education Needed

- Minimum of an associate degree or its equivalent, as determined by employing campus.
- Any instructor who does not possess a degree in education takes part in the Postsecondary Clinical Practice Program, with possible additional courses as specified by the SBCTE, or completes a program of study equivalent to the Clinical Practice Program as determined by the SBCTE.

Industry Certification

- **Industry Certified Instructors**
 - Instructors may have achieved an industry instructor certification/license through a national accreditation. Instructors with these certifications will be reviewed on an individual basis for exemption to the Clinical Practice Program based on the content of their certification requirements.
 - Industry certified instructors may need to complete additional courses, if they are exempted from the Clinical Practice Program, as specified by the SBCTE; such as History and Philosophy of CTE or Measuring Student Performance.
- **Content Certified**
 - Required where such industry certification is necessary to teach a course (i.e. ASE certification to teach automotive technology, CCNA certification to teach Cisco networking).
 - Certifications must be earned during the two-year provisional certificate.

Length of Credential

- Provisional—2 years
- Regular—5 years

Renewal Requirements

- 120 clock hours of professional development specific to teacher's content area and/or related to instructional delivery methods must be earned for each five-year renewal period (college credit can also be earned to satisfy this requirement with one semester hour equaling 15 clock hours).
- Industry certification must be kept current as specified by the appropriate industry and/or national program standards.